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1967

Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council.

W. G. DURLING REEVES, F.A.I.A.
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.
TELEPHONE NO 3117-8.

YOUR REF.....
MY REF.....



Council Offices,
11, King Street,
King's Lynn,
Norfolk.

20th November, 1968.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It will be noted that the section comprising the Report of the Medical Officer of Health, is purely statistical and does not include the comments on the various items usually made by the Medical Officer of Health.

This is due to his unfortunate prolonged absence through illness and with few exceptions it has been necessary for the staff of the Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector to produce the statistics from information already in their possession.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

Clerk of the Council.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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MRS. P.J. STAFFORD

MRS. V. LANGWADE

MISS J.P. DOCKING

Public Cleansing Foreman

J. RAINES

VITAL STATISTICS.

ESTIMATED (MID-YEAR) HOME POPULATION (REGISTRAR GENERAL) 12,990

LIVEBIRTHS.

Number	110	106	216
Rate per 1,000 population			16.6
Illegitimate live births	11	11	22
Illegitimate live births per cent of total livebirths			10.5

STILLBIRTHS.

Number	...	4
Rate per 1,000 total live & stillbirths	18.0	(14.8)
Total live and stillbirths	220	

INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

— 1 —

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	37.0	(18.3)
Legitimate Infant deaths per 1,000		
Legitimate livebirths	14.9	
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000		
Illegitimate livebirths	0	
Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total livebirths)	13.9	(12.5)
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total livebirths)	4.6	(10.8)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	23.0	(25.4)
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including abortion)	NIL	

TUBERCULOSIS Respiratory: Mortality rate

CANCER—Cancer of Lung: Mortality rate per 1,000

Cancer.all other forms: Mortality rate

cancel, all other terms. Mortality rate per 1,000 1.6

CORRECTED DEATH RATE

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE 16.6 (17.2)

NATURAL INCREASE (excess of births over deaths)

of births over d
during the year)

(Number in parenthesis are national average)

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CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967 IN THE
RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN

AGE IN YEARS

		Total	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	Over 75	
	SEX	all Ages	Weeks	1 year										
1. Tuberculosis: Respiratory	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Other forms	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Syphilitic disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Diphtheria	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Meningococcal Infections	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Acute poliomyelitis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Measles	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other infective & parasitic disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
13. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
14. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
15. Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16. Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
17. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8
19. Hypertension with Heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20. Other Heart disease	F	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
21. Other Circulatory disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22. Influenza	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
24. Bronchitis	F	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
25. Other disease of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasis of prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
34. All other accidents	F	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
35. Suicide	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	72	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	2	2	10	22	32
	F	67	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	4	19	35	

B.C.G. VACCINATION FREEBRIDGE LYNN, 1967

SCHOOL	ELIGIBLE	CONSENTS	REFUSALS	SKIN TESTED	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NUMBER VACCINATED
GAYWOOD PARK BOYS	3	2	1	2		2	2
GAYWOOD PARK GIRLS	1	1		1		1	1
ALD. CATELEUGH BOYS	31	25	6	24	1	23	23
ALD. CATELEUGH GIRLS	40	37	3	31	3	28	28
KING EDWARD VII	15	15		15	2	13	12
GIRLS HIGH	15	15		14		14	14
CONVENT	1	1		1		1	1
JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE	2	1	1	1		1	1
	108	97	11	89	6	83	82

INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGISTERED IN 1967

Infectious Disease	Under						Over		TOTAL
	1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 65	65		
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Measles	3	39	61	3	2	-	-	-	108
Infective Hepatitis	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Sonne Dysentery	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis									
(a) Respiratory	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
(b) Other forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	42	62	7	5	2	1	123	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

SCARLET FEVER. 4 cases against 1 last year.

MEASLES. The year 1967 was the biennial high for this disease. 108 cases against 40 last year, and 186 in 1965.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS 3 cases notified, one transferred from London.

SONNE DYSENTERY. 3 cases notified against 7 for last year.

WHOOPING COUGH. 1 case against 3 in 1966.

SCARLATINA. 1 case was notified.

JAUNDICE. 1 case was notified.

INFECTIVE HEPATITIS. 2 cases were notified.

FOOD POISONING. 4 cases were notified.

SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM. 1 case was notified.

SKIN TESTING FOR TUBERCULIN SENSITIVITY. There were 108 13 year old's skin tested and 82 out of 83 requiring B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis were done.

The refusal rate was 11.3% as against 16% for last year.

DEATHS BY SOME DISEASES OVER PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS.

	1962			1963			1964			1965			1966			1967		
	M.	F.	Total															
T.B. Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer of Lung	1	-	1	2	1	3	3	-	3	6	-	6	6	1	7	6	-	6
All other Cancers	10	3	13	10	9	19	12	14	26	7	10	17	10	13	23	10	11	21
Leukaemia	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coronary Disease	12	11	23	7	10	17	20	7	27	27	11	38	16	13	29	19	18	37
High Blood Pressure with Heart Disease	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Other Heart Diseases	5	6	11	4	10	14	8	16	24	6	2	8	3	5	8	5	9	14
Influenza	2	3	5	2	2	4	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis	1	7	8	5	1	6	2	1	3	6	2	8	7	-	7	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1

The vaccination and immunisation figures given below are for the combined Freebridge - King's Lynn area.

VACCINATION

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Re-Vaccination</u>
Under 5 years ...	239	(298)	4 (5)
5 - 15 years ...	61	(30)	40 (22)
	—	—	—
	300	(328)	44 (27)
	—	—	—

IMMUNISATION

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Re-Immunisation</u>
(a) Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus under 5 years ...	510	(557)	163 (126)
6 - 16 years ...	29	(41)	289 (272)
	539	(598)	452 (398)
	—	—	—

(b) Poliomyelitis <u>Age Group</u>	No. of persons receiving Sabin(oral) Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Quadruple Salk Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Salk Vaccine	Total
Children born in 1967	109	-	-	109
Children born in 1966	263	1	-	264
Children born in 1965	46	1	-	47
Children born in 1964	25	-	-	25
Children born in 1960-63	30	-	-	30
Others under Age 16	3	-	-	3
	476	2	-	478

Persons receiving re-inforcing doses of Poliomyelitis Vaccine:

<u>Age Group</u>	No. of persons receiving Quadruple Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Salk Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Sabin Oral Vaccine	Total
Children born in 1967	-	-	-	-
Children born in 1966	-	-	18	18
Children born in 1965	-	-	19	19
Children born in 1964	-	-	7	7
Children born in 1960-63	-	-	191	191
Others under Age 16	-	-	11	11
	-	-	246	246

WATER SUPPLIES.

A. 1. Stream at Hillington 13th February, 1967.
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 180 +
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = 160

2. Spring at Westacre 14th February, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 50
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = 50

3. Shallow Well - Hillington 20th February, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 180 +
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = Nil

4. Shallow Well - Waveland Farm, South Wootton 10th May, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 1
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = NIL

5. Shallow Well - Hillington 18th May, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 1
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = 1

6. Shallow Well - Hillington 23rd May, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = NIL
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = NIL

7. Shallow Well - Castle Acre 28th September, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 180 +
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = 180 +

8. Shallow Well - Congham 22nd November, 1967
(a) Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml. = 180 +
(b) " " " B coli (type 1) " " " = 1

COUNCIL BORES.

B. 24 samples - satisfactory
6 samples - unsatisfactory.

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PIPE - BORNE WATER SUPPLIES.

PARISH	<u>SUPPLIED TO PROPERTIES.</u>		<u>Approximate Population.</u>
	<u>No. of Houses</u>		
Bawsey	49		200
Castleacre	274		850
Castle Rising	71		175
Congham	64		200
Flitcham	92		275
Gayton	303		880
Grimston	417		1210
Harpley	121		330
Hillington	80		240
Leziate	188		530
Great Massingham	290		725
Little Massingham	33		110
Middleton	398		1066
Pentney	114		400
Roydon	88		250
North Runcton	161		497
Sandringham	204		570
East Walton	33		103
Westacre	64		243
East Winch	162		527
West Winch	478		1552
North Wootton	245		670
South Wootton	<u>530</u>		<u>1776</u>
	<u>4459</u>		<u>13379</u>

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961.

This table is enclosed by a request of the Ministry of Labour to indicate to Medical Officers of Health the prescribed particulars which are required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act, 1937, to be furnished in their Annual Reports with respect to matters under Parts I and VIII of that Act which are administered by the District Council. This table, which is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, should be attached as an annex to the Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE
RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN IN THE COUNTY
OF NORFOLK.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of
the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	(1)	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Notices	Number of prosecutions
		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities		2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority		22	2	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)		45	45	-	-
TOTAL		69	49	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases")

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Inspector	Inspector	Number of cases in which defects were found	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

		Section 110		Section 111		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making etc. cleaning & washing.						
Household linen						
Lace, Lace curtains & nets						
Furniture & upholstery.						
Curtains & furniture hangings						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass & Brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron & steel cables & chain						
Iron & steel anchors & grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches & keys						
Umbrellas, etc						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet & tennis balls						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Contd)

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110

Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Paper bags							
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper							
Brush making							
Tea picking							
Feather sorting							
Carding etc., of buttons etc.							
Stuffed toys							
Basket making							
Chocolates & sweetmeats							
Textile weaving							
Lampshades							
TOTAL							

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)	
		Remedied (3)	Referred			
			By H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)						
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes						
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Out-work)						
TOTAL						

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 1967.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

INSPECTIONS

The number of inspections and visits made in conjunction with the various branches of Public Health work during the year are as follows:-

<u>Nature of Inspections.</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>	<u>Total No. of Visits.</u>
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.</u>		
Drainage Miscellaneous	312	
Keeping of Animals	15	
Dirty or Verminous premises	16	
Water supplies	155	
Water samples	38	
Sewerage & Disposal Plants	419	
Refuse : Collection & Disposal	224	
Building Byelaws & Regulations	<u>1322</u>	2501

FOOD

Unsound food	3	
Food Premises for Byelaws etc	67	
Ice Cream Samples	30	
Slaughter Houses or Knackers Yard	110	
Meat (Staining & Sterilization) Reg. 1960 ...	<u>36</u>	246

PETROLEUM ACTS.

No. of Site Inspections	43	
Licences Issued	<u>1</u>	44

HOUSING

Slum Clearance or Closing Order	83	
Repairs	64	
Overcrowding or Poor Living Conditions ...	10	
Improvement Grants	292	
Council Estates	79	
Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 ...	<u>4</u>	532

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Site Inspections	48	
No. of dwellings inspected	<u>14</u>	62

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Investigations	74	
Collection of Specimens	<u>62</u>	136

DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

Investigations	6	
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PESTS ACT - RODENT CONTROL

Supervisory Inspections	31	
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FACTORIES ACT.

Factories Visited	2	
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<u>OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT.</u>	30	
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<u>STREET NAMING</u>	7	3597
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HOUSING

A number of repairs to properties were effected by means of preliminary notices, letters and personal approaches to landlords etc., without having recourse to serving of Statutory Notices.

Under the Housing Acts, however, certain Statutory action has been taken and is as follows:-

(a) HOUSING ACT 1957.

Notices of Intention to make Closing/Demolition Orders		7
Closing Orders Rescinded	...	NIL
Demolition Orders made	...	5
Closing Orders made	...	8

(b) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1936-61

Preliminary Notices served	...	6
Nuisances abated	...	6

(c) HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959

From the figures below it will be noted that there is a slight decrease in the number of Discretionary Grants given. The average grant per dwelling however was £353 as compared with £325 for the previous year. In all 36 grants were given as against 44 last year.

The table below gives full details over the last 3 years.

<u>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
1. No. of dwellings in respect of which a grant has been approved	31	44	36
2. No. of such dwellings owner occupied	11 (35½%)	19 (43½%)	10(28%)
3. No. of such dwellings occupied by tenant	20 (64½%)	25 (56½%)	26(72%)
4. Total of approved expenditure	£22,054	£28,107	£26,647
5. Total of approved grants	£11,023	£14,286	£12,706
6. Average grant per dwelling	£355.0.0d	£325.0.0d	£353.0.0d

Number of grants paid in 1967 = 30

STANDARD GRANTS

As regards Standard Grants, the number of grants given for 1967 was 27, an increase of 4.

By the end of the year 19 grants had been finally settled and the total amount paid was £3,658, an average of £192 per dwelling as compared with £124 for 1966.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
1. No. of dwellings in respect of which a grant has been approved	36	23	27
2. No. of such dwellings owner-occupied	8 = 22%	15 = 65%	19 = 70%
3. No. of such dwellings occupied by tenants.	28 = 78%	8 = 35%	8 = 30%

STANDARD GRANTS

The number of grants for providing:

Total of maximum grants approved = £5,762.

Of the above 27, 22 qualified for additional grant above the appropriate standard grant for providing:

1. Septic Tanks
2. Buildings for bathroom, or
3. Water Supply for first time.

~~SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS~~ HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT. 1958

During the year 3 applications for loans under the above Act have been received, one of which was refused, the other 2 were taken up.

COUNCIL HOUSING

In 1967 only 4 Council dwellings were erected, these were built as follows:

Blackborough End, Middleton - 4 No. single bedroomed bungalows.

Also 14 new dwellings were under construction as an extension to the Freebridge Haven Estate at West Winch.

Planning approval was received for the layout of 30 houses at East Winch.

In November a sub-committee met at Castle Rising to discuss with an Architect of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Council's proposed layout for 32 dwellings. The latter agreed entirely with this layout and consequently an application for planning approval was submitted to the County Council, who whilst not disagreeing with the layout in principle, objected to the grouped garages, but offered no alternative suggestions. Consequently, at the end of the year we were still seeking planning approval for the layout.

Whilst appreciating the fact that the Council anticipates building 30 dwellings at East Winch during the following year (1968) the figure of 4 dwellings only for 1967 is the lowest on record, at least in post war years, and one hopes that this dubious record will never again be attained.

COUNCIL HOUSING Contd.

Under such circumstances, it would have been pointless to make any concentrated survey in an effort towards removal of the remaining unfit properties as we are not in a position to re-house the unfortunate occupants of these sub-standard houses, many of which still remain to be dealt with. It is true we have re-housed the odd family or two, but we are still faced with the job of rehousing quite a large number of families throughout the District, and this the Council is unable to do unless they procure more building sites.

The only available houses we shall in due course have to offer will be at East Winch, and later on at Castle Rising. This might not be acceptable, or indeed from a work point of view convenient, for people who require rehousing at Great Massingham for example, or Castle Acre, where incidentally we have the largest proportion of sub-standard houses, and, in my previous reports it is for such reasons that I have stressed the need to go into these matters more fully. I must advise you that as a Housing Authority the needs of the district as a whole must be taken into account. Concentration of development in 2 parishes out of 23 does not meet this problem.

Tenders were accepted for the erection of the proposed 30 dwellings at East Winch, and Ministry loan sanction was also received for the modernisation of 18 dwellings at Freebridge Terrace, Middleton, on which work commenced in November.

PRIVATE HOUSING.

In contrast to the Council's efforts, there has been an enormous increase in the building figures of private enterprise during this last year. 669 applications were approved as compared with 356 applications in 1966, an increase you will note of some 46%.

Details regarding building are as follows:-

	<u>Houses.</u>	<u>Bungalows.</u>
Gayton	-	5
Grimston	-	9
Hillington	-	1
Harpley	2	-
Leziate	-	2
Gt. Massingham	-	1
Middleton	-	16
Pentney	-	1
North Runcton	1	5
East Winch	30	17
West Winch	22	10
North Wootton	112	28
South Wootton	<u>89</u>	<u>105</u>
	256	200

H.M.V. BUILDINGS contd.

During the year 177 new dwellings were completed as against 132 for 1966, and there were 179 in course of erection at the end of 1967 as against 76 in 1966.

1967 figures are summarised below:-

	Completed.		Being Built	
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Bungalows</u>
Castle Rising	1	-	-	-
Congham	-	-	-	2
Gayton	-	6	-	3
Grimston	1	13	-	12
Hillington	-	2	-	-
Leziate	1	3	-	2
Gt. Massingham	-	1	-	1
Middleton	3	17	1	9
Pentney	-	4	-	1
Roydon	-	2	-	-
North Runcton	2	4	1	2
East Winch	-	10	-	5
West Winch	11	14	11	20
North Wootton	10	6	17	6
South Wootton	19	47	25	61
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	48	129	55	124
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Note.

Members will recall that in last years Report, I stated that the administration of the new Building Regulations would undoubtedly entail considerably more work for the department, due to the increase in the number of inspections to each dwelling which now have to be made during course of erection.

This has certainly proved to be the case, and of course the marked increase this year in private building has strained our resources to the limit. Members will observe from page 1, that the number of visits under the Building Regulations alone has increased from 998 to 1322, an increase of 32.5%.

WATER SUPPLIES.

General.

During the year 37 man/days were lost through illness. 278 new connections were made, an increase of 84 over the previous year, and 17 new meters were installed.

EXTENSIONS.

*	SOUTH WOOTTON - R.G. Carter - Nursery Lane and Church Lane	-	87 yds	3" dia
" "	- Sandy Lane Water Supplies	-	160 yds	3" dia
CASTLEACRE	- Pye Lane Improvements	-	120 yds	2" dia
*	NORTH WOOTTON - WAGG & JEX	-	200 yds	3" dia
*	SOUTH WOOTTON - Wagg & Co. Nursery Lane	-	127 yds	3" dia
*	" " - Hall & Jex Sandy Lane	-	80 yds	3" dia
*	" " - Carters, Nursery Lane	-	27 yds	2" dia
" "	" " "	-	493 yds	3" dia
*	EAST WINCH - Laughton & Fuller	-	200 yds	3" dia
GRIMSTON,	Back Lane, Pott Row	-	140 yds	3" dia
"	- A. Spragg, Back Lane, Pott Row	-	80 yds	3" dia
*	NORTH WOOTTON - CAMGATE CONSTRUCTION	-	287 yds	3" dia
BABINGLEY WEST NEWTON		-	2397 yds	3" dia
*	SOUTH WOOTTON - R & F Daw	-	87 yds	3" dia
" "	- Barker Bros	-	47 yds	2" dia
" "	" "	-	413 yds	3" dia
WEST WINCH	- Plowrights	-	48 yds	1½"dia
" "	"	-	20 yds	3" dia
*	SOUTH WOOTTON - Hall & Jex, Sandy Lane	-	200 yds	3" dia
WEST WINCH FREEBRIDGE HAVEN		-	67 yds	3" dia
*	Private Building Sites.			

The above figures indicate that once again it has been an active year. Whilst one appreciates extensions of mains are for purpose of building estate development and thus continued growth in the rateable value and population of the District, I expressed concern at the costs involved and recommended a charge of 50% of actual cost to be made to each estate developer in respect of all new mains. This the Committee accepted, and one is pleased to report it has worked quite smoothly and with few objections.

During the year the descaling and painting of both the Tower and Water storage tank at Middleton and at Westacre, were completed. Also during the year the lead covering of the Appleton Tower was stolen, which necessitated not only a new roof covering, but on exposure of the timber, considerable repair works, to a total of some £850.

Regarding the inadequacy of the water supply to the Wootton Parishes, both the Clerk and myself expressed our concern to the King's Lynn Corporation. We were informed that an approach was being made to the Ministry with a view to laying a new trunk main from their Hillington borewells to South Wootton, which would considerably alleviate our problem, and were asked if our Council would support them in the form of a letter expressing our concern, to which suggestion the Committee agreed.

I can only repeat the fears expressed in my last years report. If the growth of development at North & South Wootton continues at its present rate, then until such time as we can expect a better water supply from King's Lynn Corporation, then serious consideration will ultimately have to be given to cease all further development.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year 30 samples were taken for chemical and/or bacteriological examination.

Details of samples are as follows:-

TABLE 2

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Suspicious
Castleacre	?	-	-
Castle Rising	4	4	-
Harpley Dams	3	1	-
Harpley Dams (Raw water)	4	-	-
Sandringham	7	1	-
Westacre	3	-	-
	24	6	0

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

Weekly collection of refuse continued to operate throughout the District. On the major tips every effort has been made to employ the method known as controlled tipping whereby refuse is covered on the day of tipping or as soon thereafter as practicable. During summer months, all tips were treated with insecticide, and also regular visits have been made by the rodent operator to keep tips free from vermin.

During the year the Castleacre tip was filled, so another tip in this area was sought but with no success. Collection from Castleacre is now deposited at Great Massingham.

In November the Council placed a firm order for a new 25 cu. yard dual tip Refuse Collector which should help considerably towards getting a cleaner and better collection service.

On the 27th - 29th May the Council undertook the refuse collection and disposal and the emptying of soakaways at Sandringham Park on behalf of the Caravan Club. One understands that this was the largest rally of this kind ever held in Britain. Unfortunately, the weather was atrocious and with each succeeding day the ground became such a quagmire that the Caravan Club was forced to employ a fleet of tractors and light trailers to convey the refuse to our vehicles which were stationed on firm ground and thence to our tips. This was an unorthodox and laborious means of collection but nevertheless was quite successful under the difficult circumstances. Needless to say, for our part in this operation, a suitable charge was made, covering cost of vehicles, labour etc.

During the year, we have had discussions with King's Lynn Corporation Officials on the question of their joining us to fill the Parish pits at South Wootton, and possibly at a later stage to tip jointly at our Refuse tip at Setchey. These discussions have been made on the recommendations of a Ministry of Housing and Local Government Inspector, who, as members are aware, made a visit to both Authorities to examine the costing and general efficiency of the cleansing services.

Over the year 1967, the following is an approximate estimate of the amount of refuse collected and disposed of at our various tips:

(a) No. of premises in district	5181	emptied weekly =	269,372	visits
Total number of bins domestic or otherwise	5440	" "	= 282,880	"
Total number of litter bins	100	" "	= 5,200	"
(b) Total weight of refuse removed	6735	tons		
Weight per 1,000 population per day	= 1. ⁷	tons.		

SEPTIC TANK/CESSPOOL EMPTYING

There has been a decrease in the number of septic tanks emptied, 1410 as compared with 1614 for the previous year. This of course is attributable to the sewerage of West Winch and partially completed sewerage of South Wootton. For the remainder of the district however, the Council still maintains a service which allows one free emptying per property per annum. During the year 82 man/days were lost due to illness and one/man day was lost due to absence from work.

Details of the years work regarding septic tanks/cesspools emptied are as follows:

	<u>Private Properties</u>		<u>Council Properties.</u>	
	No. of Cesspools	No. of Loads	No. of Cesspools	No. of Loads
Free Servicing	725	908	60	112
Emptied on chargeable basis	485	695	150	308
	—	—	—	—
	1,210	1,603	210	420
	—	—	—	—

The revenue from those emptied on a chargeable basis amounted to £1,136. 10. Od.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The West Winch plant continued to operate satisfactorily; all effluent samples taken both by the Great Ouse River Authority and ourselves were up to standard.

During the year, acting on my advice, the Council decided to construct a moveable travelling canopy on rails to assist in sludge drying and also to construct three additional sludge drying beds for which Ministry Loan Sanction was obtained in the sum of £3,442. As members are aware, for all future major sewerage schemes mechanical sludge drying processes will be employed to overcome this problem.

At the close of the year, almost the whole of South Wootton, with the exception of one large housing estate on the east side of Castle Rising Road had been seweraged, and the Contractors were well on with the scheme in the village of North Wootton.

Trial bore holes were carried out at Castleacre and Middleton, and in the latter village an outline scheme was prepared by the Public Health Engineering Department of the County Council, in which they recommended that the disposal works be sited on the south side of the A.47 at Blackborough End. This was obvious from both engineering and financial grounds. This has been stressed for many years and the Council has agreed with me on this point.

In August the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Planning Authority asking them to revise their policy in regard to the attempt to restrict development to the south of trunk road A.47, to which the County Council replied that they proposed to adhere to their previous policy of permitting large scale development at Fair Green only. This is to be regretted, and a reappraisal of the position in Middleton, in say five years hence will I am sure, prove the Planning Authority to be wrong in the areas they have allocated as permitted development.

The Gayton-Grimston sewerage scheme was presented to the Council and approved in principle, and except for a few technical details, still to be resolved, the County Public Health Engineer suggested that they might be in a position to invite tenders for this scheme towards the end of the year.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE CONT'D

During the year a petition signed by 425 Parishioners of Gt. Massingham was received, and requested the Council to consider the urgent need of seweraging their village. After due consideration the Council decided that no alterations should be made in their list of priority schemes which had been drawn up some years previously.

Also during the year, an approach by the Sandringham Estate was made to the Council for a contribution towards the capital costs of constructing a new sewerage disposal works at a cost of £7,000, which upon completion would be vested and maintained by the Council. The Council informed the Estate that they would be prepared to consider all suggestions made upon receipt of more detailed information.

PEST ACT 1949.

The Council continued to employ one man for whom a lock up store and necessary equipment and poisons is provided.

Domestic premises were still treated free of charge, but for business premises, farms etc. a fee of 10/6d per hour was levied, and over the year £60. 12. 9d was collected for this work.

The same employee is responsible for the control and freedom from vermin of all the Council's refuse tips, which work has been carried out most satisfactorily. This year, at the request of some householders a few premises were visited to dispose of wasp nests. A charge of 10/6d per hour was made, making a total of £5. 5. Od in all.

A summary of the work is as follows:

	<u>Premises Treated</u>	<u>Inspections, Visits and Surveys.</u>
<u>FREE</u>		
Council Property (excluding Housing Sites)	46	235
Private and Council Houses	753	3,766
<u>CHARGEABLE</u>		
Business Premises	3	14
Farms	35	163
TOTAL	837	4,178
Total 1966	816	4,069

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

An application for a licence for 3 caravans at West Winch was refused.

An application for land at Pentney to be licensed as a summer transit camp, where caravanners could pull in for the night, was refused by the County Planning Department, but on Appeal their decision was reversed by the Minister, and in my opinion, rightly so, as there is a pressing need for this type of site throughout the whole country. Unfortunately however, for private reasons the application was not proceeded with.

The 3 large sites are as follows:

1. SOUTH WOOTTON - Wootton Woods site (75 caravans). Over the next few years this site will be run down, as planning approval for the site to be developed as a housing estate has been granted, and in September a start was made in this respect, by the erection of one large residential property. To date however, few applications to be re-housed by the Council have been received from the Caravan dwellers who ultimately will have to be moved.

A letter was received from the site owner that he was prepared to assist the Council in the way of an alternative site, but with no capital expenditure to be involved by him, but nothing more has been done in this matter.

2. SOUTH WOOTTON - Gap Farm Site (55 caravans). This site continued to operate reasonably satisfactorily. Certain provisions were still required to comply with the model standards and conditions of the site licence, but the Committee deferred taking further action until such time as the site could be connected to the public sewers then under construction, but not as yet completed.

3. BAWSEY - Innisfree Site (40 Caravans). Although some effort towards raising the standards of the site were made, at one time the Committee seriously considered the question of instituting legal proceedings on four counts.

After hearing the evidence of the Company as to the various difficulties they had encountered in complying with the Council's requirements, among which was the question of an electricity supply, the Committee agreed to defer proceedings so as to allow the Company a certain degree of extra time to comply with these outstanding items.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

22 specimens were collected from contacts and pupils attending North Runcion School.

14 specimens were collected from an outbreak of Food poisoning.

7 specimens were collected from pupils attending East Winch School.

19 specimens were collected from pupils attending schools in King's Lynn.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE ACT 1958.

During the year, inspections were made by a Ministry of Agricultural veterinary surgeon, of the licensed slaughterhouse and knackers yard, and he expressed his continued satisfaction with both premises.

110 visits were made to the above premises in order to obtain the 100% meat inspection.

Details of carcases inspected and condemnations required are tabulated below:-

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	101	-	-	-	320	-
Number inspected	101	-	-	-	320	-
All diseases except <u>Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u> .. -		-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcases condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci ..	7	-	-	-	1.9%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.5	-
<u>Cysticercasis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT 1950.

3 cases of Salmonellosis in calves were reported and investigated.

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY.

There are a number of large poultry breeding and rearing establishments in the District, but there is only one turkey farm in the District at which birds are slaughtered on a seasonal basis.

During peak periods approximately 500 birds per week are slaughtered. 12 visits were made to these premises.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

The administration of this Order is delegated to the Council, but so far as is known there are no persons collecting swill in the District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 50.

No burials were carried out by this Council during the year.

THE OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in these establishments.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS BY INSPECTORS TO
REGISTERED PREMISES 30

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN
REGISTERED PREMISES.

EXEMPTIONS	NIL
PROSECUTIONS	NIL
REPORTED ACCIDENTS	NIL

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955.

Attention has been given to the proper enforcement of the Food Hygiene Regulations : inspections were often made in conjunction with visits made under The Offices and Shops Act.

The number of food premises in the district are as follows:-

Public Houses	...	32
Clubs	...	6
Grocers	...	42
Ice Cream retailers	...	34
Confectioners	...	9
Bakehouses	...	-
Butchers	...	7
Fish Friers	...	2

30 Ice cream samples were taken and submitted for Methylene blue test and all proved to be Grade 1, which is most satisfactory.

Results Grade 1 = 30

CONCLUSION

As Members can see, the report indicates that once again it has been a most active year. There has been an increase in the number of visits made for all purposes, and as previously mentioned, a most substantial increase in visits made under the Building Regulations.

With regard to the re-grouping of water supplies, this matter has still to be resolved, and it looks very much as if the Council will continue to function as a Water Undertaking for a few years hence.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members for their courtesy, and also the Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health for their most valuable co-operation and assistance.

Finally, I would add a word of appreciation to all my staff, for their loyalty and the conscientious way in which they have carried out their work, despite the ever increasing duties thrust upon us by the spate of legislation churned out, and passed to local authorities for implementation.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

W.R. WATKINS,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

